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In re Application of: GRAUPE, et al.

Examiner: Robert SHIAO

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated June 10, 2004 ("the Office Action") and the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2004 ("the Advisory Action"), reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.

Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and the associated fee.